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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 242

16 APRIL 1957

1. The following were present:

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Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Col. Sam A. Carnes	Air Force
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
*Mr. R. H. Strickland	Air Force
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

\* Visitor.

2. NIS Outline Guide for Subsection 64D

The Air Force member reported that State's proposal of 4 March 1957 for changes in the outline guide for Subsection 64D (Aircraft Production) was acceptable to Air Force subject to clarification on the question of whether State will provide support of the economic requirements of the new outline in the form of a written contribution to the Subsection. Agreement was reached between the State and Air Force members that State would provide the support in question to a maximum degree short of writing and submitting a formal contribution to Air Force, following which the Committee approved the outline guide for Subsection 64D as amended by State (refer to Item 2 NCM 240).

3. Proposed Outline Guides for Section 22 and Supplement II

The Army member reported that the proposed outline guides for Section 22 and Supplement II (Coasts and Landing Beaches) were acceptable to Army subject to several minor changes of a nonsubstantive nature (refer to Item 2 NCM 240). He presented a memorandum outlining the desired modifications which he said had been coordinated with and approved by Navy, but not with OBI. At the suggestion of the vice chairman the Committee approved the outline guides for Section 22 and Supplement II dated 22 March 1957, with the proposed changes, subject to the latter being reviewed and approved by OBI. [OBI subsequently approved the changes proposed by Army on 22 April 1957.]

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#### **4. Requirements for NIS on the Middle East**

The Committee discussed possible ways of assisting Navy in meeting a priority requirement for comprehensive basic intelligence on the Middle East (refer to Item 4 NCM 241). Exclusive of Chapters I, the majority of the outstanding sections on the Middle East areas are in Chapters IV, V, and VI for which production responsibility rests with State. The State member advised that any increase in presently scheduled production in the current three-year forecast period was contingent on a build-up of capabilities of the regular OIR staff so that it would not be necessary to divert NIS capabilities to meet urgent Departmental requirements in the event the present unstable situation continues in the Middle East. Such a build-up is now in process, and it may enable State to schedule more sections in those areas in the year-end revision of the production forecast. Approximately one-half of the sections now outstanding on Middle East Areas are scheduled for production during the forecast period, and the Navy member agreed that this would generally meet Navy's requirement if the schedule is met in full. As an interim measure Navy requires a small briefing pamphlet on the Middle East for staff and flag officers. State agreed to furnish Navy with catalogs listing all NIE's, IR's, and State-produced studies on the area which, in conjunction with published NIS on the area, would enable Navy to prepare the needed briefing pamphlet. The Navy member agreed that the support offered by State would meet ONI's immediate requirements on the Middle East.

#### **5. Requirements for NIS Reference Guide**

The vice chairman reported that OBI had undertaken the preparation of a classified NIS Reference Guide, and requested the members to indicate their agencies' requirements for this guide (refer to Item 7 NCM 241). The members reported their requirements as follows, but requested that these be considered as tentative:

State	300
Army	4,000
Navy	300
Air Force	150

The Army member stated that their requirements provided for dissemination to Division level, and that the matter would be re-examined when the exact content of the guide is known.

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#### 6. Post Cut-Off Date Intelligence

The vice chairman invited discussion on the proposal from Air Force that a separate addendum be provided for NIS Chapters I, II, and VIII for adding important post cut-off date information (refer to Item 8a. NCM 241). He pointed out that in considering this matter it must be borne in mind that it has long been standard practice to incorporate significant information received subsequent to the cut-off date, and prior to the final printing stage, by means of footnotes at appropriate places in the text. This is done, however, only when the new information indicates some fundamental change of a relatively permanent nature, as distinguished from current reports on some fluid situation in an area. In essence, therefore, the question is whether or not an addendum is preferable to the present method of incorporating post cut-off date information in the NIS. After a full discussion of the question it was agreed that the present method will be continued, but agencies may present for NIS Committee consideration a proposal for an addendum in special situations where footnotes appear to be inadequate. This policy is to apply only to significant post cut-off date information, and not to changes or revisions in manuscript information predating cut-off or approval dates.

#### 7. Analysis of NIS Production for Third Quarter

The Committee discussed the "Analysis of NIS Production-- Third Quarter 1957" which was submitted to the members under date of 15 April 1957 (refer to Item 7 NCM 236). The vice chairman stressed the need for taking positive measures to keep production at an unusually high level throughout the entire fourth quarter to achieve the production goal for the year. This should assure a relatively even flow of material to OBI during the last three months which would greatly facilitate processing of the contributions. Individual agency production deliveries and requirements for the last three months are as follows:

	<u>Past Production per Month</u> <u>(July - March Average)</u>	<u>Production per Month Required</u> <u>(April - June Average)</u>
State	8	52
Army	8	13
Navy	4	16
Air Force	1	5
CIA	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>
Total:	27	103

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8. Release of NIS to the Department of Commerce

The Committee approved the release of Section 35 and Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities) on all NIS areas published during 1955 and subsequent years to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration, as requested by letter of justification dated 14 March 1957 (refer to Item 5 NCM 241).

9. Strategic Intelligence Digest--USSR

The members were handed copies of memorandum dated 15 April 1957 authorizing destruction of SID (USSR) by all holders, in accordance with decision of the NIS Committee (meeting No. 192) of 29 March 1955 that the SID (USSR) should be destroyed upon full completion of the NIS (USSR).

10. Suspense Items

The Army member reported that Section 24 on NIS 77 (Panama) which was in suspense since 12 March was cleared for publication (by telephone) on 16 April; Section 38 on NIS 60 (Belgian Congo) in suspense since 5 March was mailed to OBI on 15 April; Section 38M on NIS 13A (East Germany) in suspense since 12 March was cleared for publication (by telephone) on 15 April.

11. Request for NIS from the Department of Commerce

The vice chairman read to the Committee a letter dated 11 April 1957 from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Foreign Commerce, requesting a copy of Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) on NIS 39B (Nationalist China) for use by the Far East Division. He requested the members to advise by telephone the position of their agencies with respect to release of this NIS element.

12. NIS Control and Coordination Chart

The Army member disseminated copies of Department of the Army Memorandum No. 381-2 dated 29 March 1957 which establishes policy and general procedures for the control and coordination of Army participation in the National Intelligence Survey Program (refer to Item 11 b. NCM 236).

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13. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 30 April 1957.

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